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1. HERewith IS FULL TEXT GRAHAM HOVEY BYLINE IN NEW YORK TIMES OF JUNE 15 HEADED "CARTER ACCUSED OF BREAKING PLEDGE BY ASKING END OF TURKISH ARMS BAN."
2. THE HOUSE MAJORITY WHIP AND THREE OTHER DEMOCRATIC MEMBERS OF CONGRESS HAVE ACCUSED PRESIDENT CARTER OF GOING BACK ON A PROMISE TO MAKE REPEAL OF THE ARMS EMBARGO AGAINST TURKEY CONTINGENT ON PROGRESS TOWARD A SETTLEMENT OF THE CYPRUS ISSUE.
3. AS THE FOUR MEMBERS PREPARED A CAMPAIGN TO PERSUADE THEIR COLLEAGUES TO MAINTAIN THE EMBARGO, MR. CARTER CALLED

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ITS REPEAL "THE MOST IMMEDIATE AND URGENT FOREIGN POLICY DECISION TO BE MADE BY THE CURRENT LEGISLATIVE SESSION."

4. THE PRESIDENT VOLUNTEERED HIS STATEMENT IN OPENING HIS WHITE HOUSE NEWS CONFERENCE, CONTINUING A VIGOROUS ADMINISTRATION DRIVE, IN WHICH THE NATION'S TOP CIVILIAN AND MILITARY OFFICIALS ARE PARTICIPATING, TO INFLUENCE A CRU-

CIAL HOUSE VOTE ON REPEAL OF THE EMBARGO DURING THE LAST WEEK IN JUNE.

5. REPRESENTATIVES JOHN BRADEMAS OF INDIANA AND BENJAMIN S. ROSENTHAL OF QUEENS AND SENATORS THOMAS F. EAGLETON OF MISSOURI AND PAUL S. SARBANES OF MARYLAND WERE PREPARING, MEANWHILE, TO MAKE PUBLIC A PACKAGE OF DOCUMENTS THAT THEY SAY DEMONSTRATES THAT THE ADMINISTRATION HAS UNDERMINED THE EMBARGO AND "SIGNALLED TURKEY THAT IT NEED NOT TAKE THE EMBARGO SERIOUSLY." THE DOCUMENTS WERE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE NEW YORK TIMES.

6. SUPPORT FOR GREEKS' POSITION. MR. BRADEMAS, AS THE WHIP, OR ASSISTANT MAJORITY LEADER, HOLDS THE THIRD HIGHEST POSITION IN THE HOUSE'S DEMOCRATIC PARTY HIERARCHY. HE AND HIS THREE COLLEAGUES, USUALLY SUPPORTERS OF ADMINISTRATION POLICIES, HAVE LONG BEEN SYMPATHETIC TO THE GREEK SIDE IN THE CYPRUS DISPUTE AND HAVE DEFENDED THE EMBARGO AS A VEHICLE FOR ENCOURAGING TURKISH CONCESSIONS ON CYPRUS.

7. THEIR CURRENT CAMPAIGN IS DIFFERENT IN TONE AND SCOPE FROM THEIR PREVIOUS DISSENTS ON THE ISSUE, HOWEVER. THEY SEEM TO IMPLY THAT THE PRESIDENT HIMSELF AND OTHER ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS HAVE INDULGED IN DEVIOUS AND MISLEADING BEHAVIOR IN THE EFFORT TO GET THE EMBARGO LIFTED.

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8. "THE ADMINISTRATION'S REQUEST THAT THE EMBARGO BE LIFTED 'BECAUSE IT HASN'T WORKED' STANDS LOGIC ON ITS HEAD," THEY SAID IN A STATEMENT ACCOMPANYING THE DOCUMENTS. "THE EMBARGO HAS NOT WORKED BECAUSE THE ADMINISTRATION HAS BEEN UNWILLING OR UNABLE TO MAKE IT WORK."

9. THEY CHARGE THAT DESPITE "UNEQUIVOCAL PRIVATE ASSURANCES THAT A LINKAGE EXISTED BETWEEN ARMS FOR TURKEY AND A SETTLEMENT ON CYPRUS," THE ADMINISTRATION ASKED FOR REPEAL OF THE EMBARGO "WITHOUT REQUIRING FROM TURKEY EITHER SUBSTANTIVE ACTIONS OR SIGNIFICANT PROPOSALS REGARDING CYPRUS."

10. WHITE HOUSE MEETING CITED. THE FOUR REFER SPECIFICALLY TO A MEETING WITH MR. CARTER AT THE WHITE HOUSE ON APRIL 22, 1977, WITH MEMBERS OF CONGRESS "CONCERNED ABOUT THE DIRECTION OF EMERGING ADMINISTRATION POLICY TOWARD TURKEY." THE STATEMENT SAYS:

11. "THE PRESIDENT SAID THAT, IN LIGHT OF THE THEN-UPCOMING ELECTIONS IN TURKEY, HE COULD NOT DECLARE PUBLICLY THAT THERE WAS A LINKAGE BETWEEN A SETTLEMENT ON CYPRUS

AND ARMS FOR TURKEY, BUT HE ASSURED THEM THAT SUCH A LINKAGE DID EXIST.

12. "DESPITE THIS UNEQUIVOCAL STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT," THE STATEMENT WENT ON, "THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION REVERSED ITS FIELD AND, BEFORE TURKEY HAD TAKEN ANY ACTION ON CYPRUS, AND BEFORE TURKISH PROPOSALS HAD EVEN BEEN SUBMITTED, ASKED FOR THE LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO."

13. "NOT SURPRISINGLY, WITH ALL INCENTIVE TO TAKE ACTION ON A CYPRUS SETTLEMENT HAVING BEEN ELIMINATED, TURKEY HAS AS YET TAKEN NO ACTION AT ALL. MOREOVER, ITS PROPOSALS RESPECTING CYPRUS WERE SO POOR AS TO BE GENERALLY REGARDED IN THE DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY AS VIRTUALLY MEANINGLESS."
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